

***TITLE:***

Development of singing skills of 1st grade pupils at elementary school

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***ABSTRACT:***

Work deals with possibilities of the development first year pupils' singing skills at elementary school on the basis of applying motivation elements of singing activities and the development of the pupil's interest in singing activity during the first year at elementary school. After sketching of the development of opinions on a younger pupils' singing education the author characterizes younger pupil's specialities, deals with a human voice including the development of the child's voice. After defining essential musical terms and a characterization of singing skills deals with a motivation and its applying in a school and in a musical educational process. On the basis of the suggested educational model the largest part of work is devoted to a methodology and a research organization and first of all an evaluation and a presentation of results given questionnaires for pupils' parents, interviews with pupils, tests of musicology and singing skills, found out their voice volume and evaluation of pupils' taking part in singing and other musical activities. The research verified given hypothesis and confirmed its fitting of the exploiting of the suggested didactical model for a musical educational process in the first year at elementary school. It verified that pupils' motivation in this process helps to develop pupils' singing skills, their interest in music and singing and thus it becomes a teacher's work effective element.

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